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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/510,701 :  
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FOR: ENCODING DEVICE AND :  
METHOD, DECODING DEVICE AND  
METHOD, EDITION DEVICE AND  
METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND  
PROGRAM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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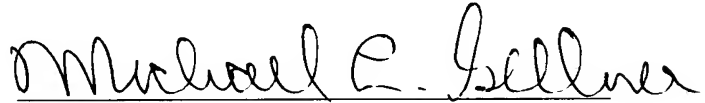
SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 23, 2008, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, invention I, Claims 1-17, for further examination on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-17 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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